

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have received a Notice of Allowance for the above-referenced application. However, Applicants have also become aware of additional references which they desire to have considered by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants are concurrently filing a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) in lieu of payment of the issue fee.

Applicants also enclose a Form PTO-1449 in which the additional references are listed. Entry and consideration of these references is requested. Translations of the two non-English references are also enclosed.

Applicants have made amendments to the specification to provide greater clarity. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully Submitted,

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